



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5993

January Session, 2003

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE INCLUSION OF CHILD DEVELOPMENT
EDUCATION IN SCHOOL CURRICULA.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 10-16b of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

3 (a) In the public schools the program of instruction offered shall
4 include at least the following subject matter, as taught by legally
5 qualified teachers, the arts; career education; consumer education;
6 health and safety, including, but not limited to, human growth and
7 development, nutrition, first aid, disease prevention, community and
8 consumer health, physical, mental and emotional health, including
9 youth suicide prevention, substance abuse prevention, safety, which
10 may include the dangers of gang membership [,] and accident
11 prevention; child development education, including, but not limited
12 to, family life education, child development, safe child management
13 techniques and the physical and emotional needs of children; language
14 arts, including reading, writing, grammar, speaking and spelling;
15 mathematics; physical education; science; social studies, including, but
16 not limited to, citizenship, economics, geography, government and
17 history; and in addition, on at least the secondary level, one or more
18 foreign languages and vocational education. For purposes of this
19 subsection, language arts may include American sign language or
20 signed English, provided such subject matter is taught by a qualified

21 instructor under the supervision of a teacher who holds a certificate
22 issued by the State Board of Education.

23 (b) If a local or regional board of education requires its pupils to
24 take a course in a foreign language, the parent or guardian of a pupil
25 identified as deaf or hearing impaired may request in writing that such
26 pupil be exempted from such requirement and, if such a request is
27 made, such pupil shall be exempt from such requirement.

28 (c) Each local and regional board of education shall on September 1,
29 1982, and annually thereafter at such time and in such manner as the
30 Commissioner of Education shall request, attest to the State Board of
31 Education that such local or regional board of education offers at least
32 the program of instruction required pursuant to this section, and that
33 such program of instruction is planned, ongoing and systematic.

34 (d) The State Board of Education shall make available curriculum
35 materials and such other materials as may assist local and regional
36 boards of education in developing instructional programs pursuant to
37 this section. The State Board of Education, within available
38 appropriations and utilizing available resource materials, shall assist
39 and encourage local and regional boards of education to include: (1)
40 Holocaust education and awareness; (2) the historical events
41 surrounding the Great [Famine in] Hunger of Ireland; (3) African-
42 American history; (4) Puerto Rican history; (5) Native American
43 history; (6) personal financial management; and (7) topics approved by
44 the state board upon the request of local or regional boards of
45 education as part of the program of instruction offered pursuant to
46 subsection (a) of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	October 1, 2003

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